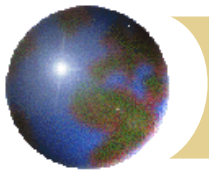


Alexander the Great



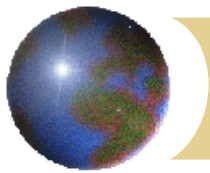
Ruler of the World



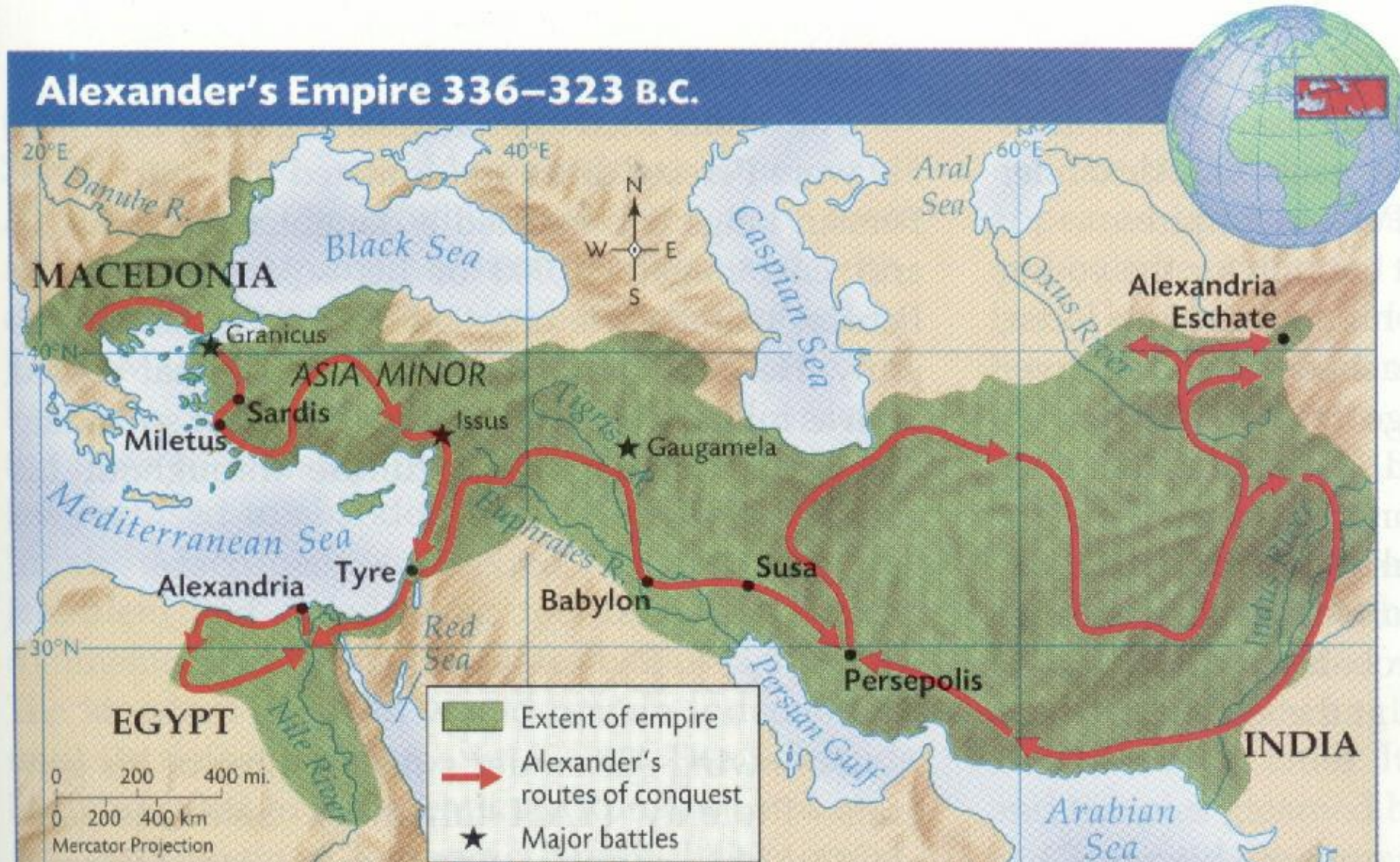
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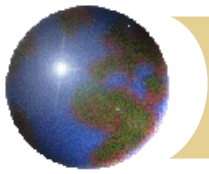
- ✦ In ten years, Alexander of Macedonia created the largest empire in the world up to that time
- ✦ Alexander spread Greek culture everywhere he went, ensuring that the ways of the Greeks would be known throughout the world





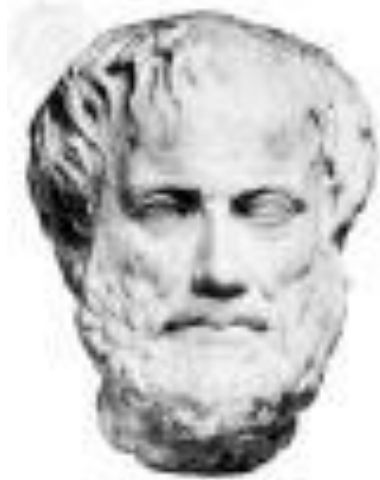
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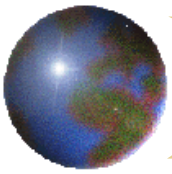




Alexander's Origins

- ✦ Born in Pella, Macedonia
- ✦ Tutored by the famous Greek philosopher, Aristotle
- ✦ His father, Philip, was king of Macedonia and had conquered the Greek city states during his 27 year reign

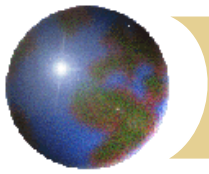




Olympia
Alexander's mother

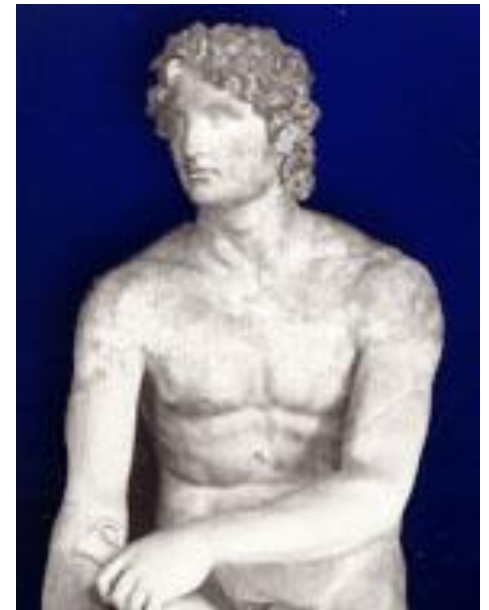


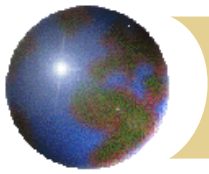
Philip
Alexander's father



Alexander Rules

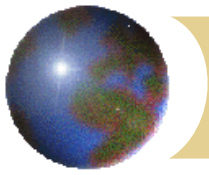
- ✚ Philip was murdered in 336 B.C. by an assassin...maybe hired by his wife, Olympia...
- ✚ So Alexander was only 20 when he became king of Macedonia



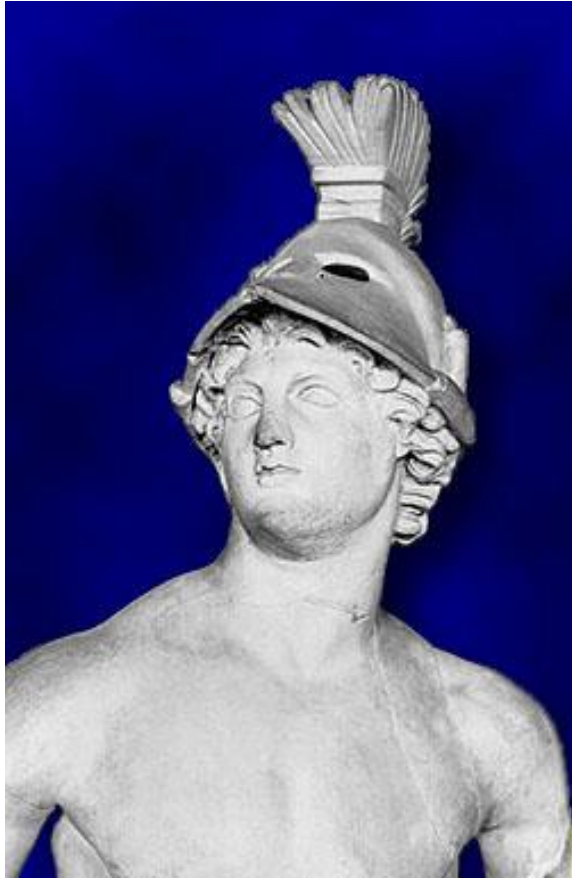


Securing his father's empire

- ✿ Alexander crushed rebellions in the northern regions to prove his power
- ✿ In the process of reconquering the Greek city states, his forces destroyed Thebes, brutally massacring hundreds, including women and children

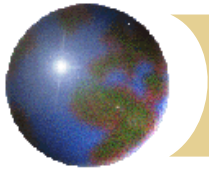


Expanding the Empire



- ✦ Alexander's forces of over 40,000 crossed at the Dardanelles into Asia, where he declared that the whole of Asia would be won by the spear



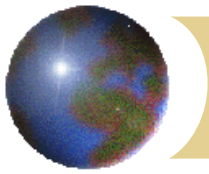


The Gordian Knot

- ✚ The Gordian Knot: the legend behind the ancient knot was that the man who could untie it was destined to rule the entire world.



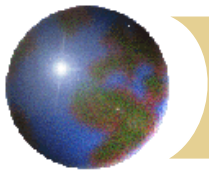
- ✚ Alexander simply slashed the knot with his sword and unraveled it.



The limits of expansion

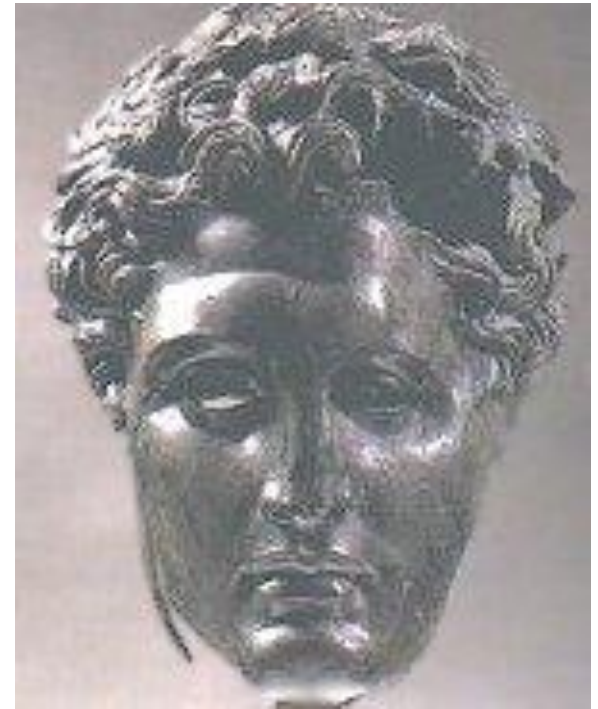
- ✦ In the spring of 327 BC, Alexander and his army marched into India
- ✦ As he conquered regions he allowed rulers to continue to govern in his name

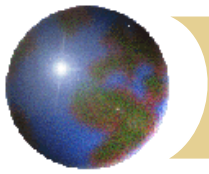




Retreat

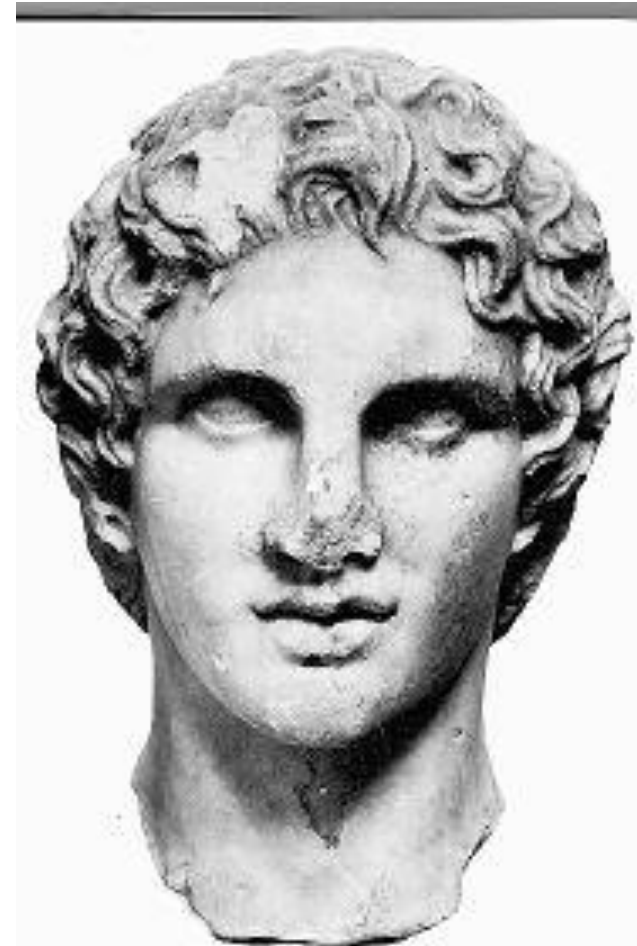
- ✦ In 325 BC, his army had had enough. They revolted and Alexander was forced to turn back.
- ✦ By the time Alexander had finished, he was the ruler of the largest empire the world had ever seen.

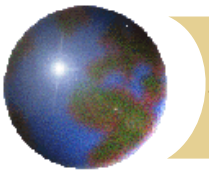




The mystery of Alexander's death

- ✦ Alexander died of a fever at 33... but why?
- ✦ Plutarch reports that he was had been plagued by several bad "omens"
- ✦ Some others from the time claimed Alexander was poisoned!





Recap...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoM0s2mBilw>